

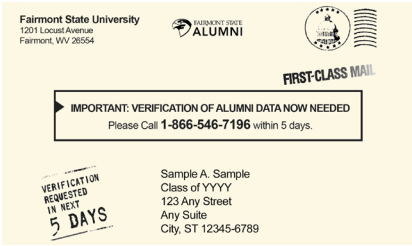
AN ORAL HISTORY OF FAIRMONT STATE

In order to preserve the rich history of Fairmont State and honor its graduates, the Fairmont State Alumni Association, in partnership with Publishing Concepts will produce an Oral History publication capturing & preserving stories from alumni across the globe. This hardbound book can be shared for generations and keep your stories and memories alive to all future Fairmont State alumni.

Be on the lookout for the special yellow postcard and emails to alumni and please respond. It's important that we capture YOUR special stories as a Fairmont State student and share your memories with all Fairmont State graduates. There is NO purchase necessary to be a part of this exciting project. Please let us know if you want YOUR story included in the publication.

Share your Story: (866) 546-7196

Questions?
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INAUGURATION OF DR. MICHAEL DAVIS

The Inauguration of Dr. Mike Davis was held on April 4, 2024 as he officially became the 27th President of Fairmont State University. Prior to assuming the leadership of Fairmont State, Dr. Davis served as Chief of Staff at James Madison University (JMU). In that role, Dr. Davis managed JU's presidential priorities and directed matters of policy and institutional importance, including strategic planning, institutional research, and accreditation. He was also regularly involved in external relations, crisis management and strategic communication, alumni engagement and advancement, diversity and inclusion leadership, fundraising, and fiscal management. President Davis is committed to positioning Fairmont State as the best regional university in West Virginia. To further that goal, he began the strategic planning process, including surveying campus and community-wide stakeholders and appointing a strategic planning committee. He's met with state legislators to share his vision, and as well as former, current, and potential partners in various sectors. Dr. Davis and his wife, Alysia have one daughter, Emme, and they are excited to be a part of the Falcon family. The Alumni Association, in collaboration with the Marion County Chamber of Commerce, honored Dr. Davis at a special event prior to Inauguration. Alumni Association President Nick Fantasia presented him with a commemorative Blenko decanter.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON INAUGURATION, VISIT
WWW.FAIRMONTSTATE.EDU/inauguration

FOREVER FALCONS

The Fairmont State Alumni Association remembers ALL Falcons who have passed away in the past year. They may have passed from this life, but will always be in our Falcon hearts.

First	Last	Maiden	Class	First	Last	Maiden	Class	First	Last	Maiden	Class	First	Last	Maiden	Class
Mary	Alkire	McLaughlin	1957	Paul	Deahl		1973	Charles	Knight		1959	Lucinda	Rhodes		2003
Donald	Allard		1971	Ruthanne	Dean			Lawrence	Lake		1964	Elizabeth	Rice	Baker	1973
Cristina	Amtower		1995	George	Delauder		1998	Elizabeth	Lambertedis		1962	Warren	Richardson		1971
Ralph	Anderson		1952	Frank	Dotson		2000	Donald	Lambiotte			Robert	Riley		1975
Dottie	Andre	Marsh	1962	Christina	Drainer	Buckner	2005, 2013	Joe	Law		1968	Aulbert	Roberts		
Lloyd	Arnett		1971	Roger	Duckworth		1969	Betty	Lemmons		1953	Jo	Rogers		1954
Barbara	Ashcraft	Hamden	1972	Lorin	Elder		1987	John	Lewis		1999	Nancy	Romaneo	Jarrett	1985
Marsha	Austin	Stroble	1964	Nancy	Exline		1993	Stephen	Lipscomb		1965	Kyra	Schlosser		2011
Shirley	Azbell		1969	Mary	Fayoyin	Powell		Jo Ann	Lough		1952	Megan	Shaw		2015
Byron	Bailey		1969	Chad	Fletcher		1998	Rose	Lubert	Moran	1962	John	Shelhammer		1981
Jean	Bane	Wilson	1961	Ruth	Foley	Radabaugh	1948	Angela	Madia		1973	Shirley	Sherry	Menas	1958
William	Bean		1975	Michael	Fox		1974	William	Malone		1972	Lori	Singleton		2005
Anne	Belota		1968	Rocco	Fucillo		1984	Jeffrey	Marra		1984	John	Skidmore		1985
Neil	Bennett		1988	Patricia	Fussell		2008	Timothy	Martin		1974	Delores	Snyder		1962
Phifer	Berry		1959	Terry	Galambus		1975	Carl	Matray		1966	Glenda	Spry	Harbert	1961
Deborah	Bland		1981	Richard	Garcia		1957	John	Mason		1971	G.	Stanton		1956
Kenneth	Bonine		1958	James	Garvin		1988	John	McAteer		1959	Mark	Starkey		1976
Jacqueline	Boone		1971	Catherine	Gleva	Moosey	1948	Cindy	McCrobie	Shaffer	1993	John	Steele		1952
Elizabeth	Born	Petrucci	1977	Michael	Godfrey		1977	Harold	McVey		1960	Michael	Steffick		1985
William	Brookover		1980	James	Gowarty		1990	Joseph	Merendino		1974	Matthew	Styles		2012
James	Brown		1959	Linda	Graves		1967	Roy	Michael		1970	Keith	Swarny		1976
Donald	Butcher		1959	Stephen	Gray		1977	John	Mitchell		1979	Vilery	Talkington	Heldreth	1968
Eloise	Calhoun	Hanlin	1953	Donna	Gutwein	Walton	1996	Donald	Moroose		1965	John	Tennant		1954
Matthew	Calvert		2005	Harry	Hall		1958	Barbara	Morris		2004	Helen	Torchia		1960
Anthony	Camele		1950	Twila	Hammel	Paknik	1976	Stephen	Naternicola		1985	Robert	Trent		1989
Danette	Carder		2005	William	Harbarger			George	Nefflen		1971	Nancy	Trickett		1966
Linda	Carpenter		1966	Robert	Harman		1962	Kathy	Newman	Brookover	1972	Margaret	Ursic	Volk	1951
Debbie	Chapman	Bohon	1982	Richard	Harris		1959	Barbara	Nickel	Hirt	1963	Patricia	Vasicek	Romino	1966
James	Chiero		1967	Kenneth	Hart		1971	Ernestine	Nigh	Bonner	1946	Mark	Venis		1971
Esther	Clem	Marquis	1959	Beth	Harvey	Leonard	2001	Allan	Osborn		1989	David	Webster		1975, 2002
Jodi	Clutter		1991	Bonnie	Helmick	Matheny	1979	Marlene	Paige		1995	Eric	Wentz		1989
Michael	Clyde		1971	William	Helmick		1951	Barbara	Patton		1993	Gary	Wentz		1979
Beverly	Conley		1972	Donald	Hostutler		1959	Tamula	Perkins	Brown	1994	Davy	Wetzel		1998
Patricia	Connor	Nixon	1955	Lynda	Huster		1966	W.	Perkins		1961	Gerry	White		1974
Robin	Contic		2005	Matthew	Iber		2012	Patrick	Petitto			Jack	Williams		1994
Shirley	Courtney	Long	1968	Barbara	Insani		1954	Carolyn	Phillips			Clifford	Wilmoth		1958
Dolores	Craft	Mainella	1959	Jean	Ireland	Blair	1949	Rosemary	Phillips	Carlson	1976	Pamela	Wilt		1987
Marcia	Cross	Williams	1969	Stephanie	Jimnie	Long	1974	Michele	Plutro		1973	Thomas	Withers		1973
DeAnn	Cummings		1985	Roy	Jones		1951	Agnes	Poe	Toothman	1956	Stephen	Yost		2006
Scott	Cummins		2017	Rebecca	Judy	Gardner	1992	Richard	Poling		1975, 1998	Neil	Young		1972
Merlin	Davidson		1961	Heather	Keigley		1996	Pamela	Poling	Hamler	2000, 2001	Randal	Zinn		1973
Doris	Davis	Glover	1951	Lester	Keller		1973	Joyce	Pristavec	Bunch	1996	David	Zugar		1973
Robert	Davis		1964	James	Kinsey		1971	Nick	Raspa		1949				

We apologize if we have missed anyone. If you know of someone who has passed in the last year, please let us know so we can honor them in the next edition.

A NOTE FROM YOUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT
NICK FANTASIA

We associate Spring with rebirth or new beginnings. I think that was true this spring at Fairmont State more than ever.

We recently had the Inaugural celebration for Dr. Davis. I have witnessed a rebirth in campus spirit associated with his new leadership and look forward to a new Master Plan with the opportunity for Alumni participation. With the addition of Ann Bolyard as President of our Foundation, comes new beginnings of Capital Campaigns that will give more students opportunities and allow Alumni to showcase legacy.

Within our Alumni Association we benefit from the fresh perspective of Susan Rodriguez, Amy Snively, and Tina Shaw taking on roles that have energized our volunteer team. We have added new board members and will begin to expand chapters that put your Alumni Association within reach to more Alumni.

Finally, we are planning a series of Alumni events that give the current young Falcons a chance to interact with our young at heart alumni. It's an exciting time as the new generation of Falcons share their college experience with our group that holds this campus dear. And, as a Dad of a third semester Falcon, I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing what makes him love his Falcon Experience. I have learned that while the chapters in our stories are different, the endings are all the same.

Please share in the celebration of our Graduates. Maybe you'll meet a young Falcon you can help with the next step of their journey.

Nick - 1986 History Major, Catcher, Student Body Officer, and Forever Falcon.



2023 ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dr. Ron Pearse, Linda Longstreth, Vickie Huffman, Kenneth Hibbs, Mary Jo Thomas, Brian Abraham, Tori Stiles, Ryan Weld, Mitch Moore, Amie Fazalare, and Barbara Scott.

Pictured with the recipients are Dr. Mike Davis, Alumni Association President Nick Fantasia and past Alumni Association President Mary Jo Thomas. Not pictured are 2023 award recipients Kevin Rogers and C.J. Goodwin.

Please visit www.fairmontstate.edu/alumni/awards to get more information on the awards and to enter your nomination.

NEW ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS

Welcome New Alumni Board Members Cameron Pyle, Trina Hunt, Ronda Colanero, Chris Goodwin, Cari Morgan, Angie Toothman, & Kristie Solheim. The Alumni Association looks forward to working with each of you and sharing our mission to foster lifelong support for the university through programs, activities, and events for its alumni, future alumni, and friends who are forever maroon and white.

PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT PODCAST

The Encova Career Development Center continued its Spotlight Podcast Series this semester. Thank you to all the alumni who participated in this series. We look forward to the Fall 2024 podcasts where more VIP alumni will be featured. To view recordings of the Spotlights, visit

www.fairmontstate.edu/career-development/professional-spotlight-series.aspx

2024 DAY AT CAPITOL

Fairmont State President Dr. Mike Davis and a delegation of students, faculty and staff visited the West Virginia State Capitol in Charleston on January 29, 2024. During the visit House representatives, senators and even Governor Jim Justice met with those visiting from the University to discuss important initiatives Fairmont State is taking for students and the community. To commemorate the day, January 29, 2024 was officially recognized as Fairmont State University Day at the West Virginia Legislature by the House and Senate. The Alumni Association was represented at the event and participated in all activities.

WV SYMPHONY

The Fairmont State Alumni Association sponsored the return of the WV Symphony to the campus of Fairmont State this spring! American composer Theordore Wiprud and Korean soloist Gamin came together with the WV Symphony to explore music theory and how cultural influences impact its formation and progression. The performance featured a new commission from Wiprud featuring Gamin on the Piri, a traditional Korean instrument, as well as Copland's Appalachian Spring. It was an enchanted evening enjoyed by all.

FAIRMONT STATE HOMECOMING 2024

Save the Date! Homecoming will be held this year on October 5th.

Stay up-to-date on all of the events and activities by visiting www.fairmontstate.edu/alumni/homecoming



SHARE IVAN'S SMILE

The Fairmont State Alumni Association partnered with Friends of Bridgeport Recreation Inc. to raise funds for an inclusive playground to honor the life and memory of 7-year-old Ivan Gonzalez who suddenly passed earlier this year.

The fundraiser, titled "Share Ivan's Smile" will raise funds specifically for a slide for the inclusive playground, which will be dedicated to Ivan.

The playground will be housed at the Bridge Sports Complex in Bridgeport, WV, and will provide children and family members who have disabilities with accessible recreation.

Ivan's mother, Cheri Gonzalez, is an current Fairmont State employee and Alumna.

Donations are still be accepted at friendsofbridgeportrec.com/ivans-smile



THETA XI (KAPPA GAMMA) ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Each year at Homecoming, the brothers of Theta Xi (Kappa Gamma) Alumni Association, return to campus to enjoy a tailgate and the football game. Additionally, they have started a tradition of giving back to Fairmont State upon their return. This year, a check for \$1,000 was presented to the Fairmont State Foundation. The gift was designated for the College of Business & Aviation. Below, members present the check to Marissa Mauro with the Foundation. Thank you to our alumni who continue to give back!



STRATEGIC PLANNING

Falcon Alumni are invited to contribute to the University strategic planning process and share what it means to you for Fairmont State to be a "Great Place to Learn, to Work, and to Call Home"!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

July 17, 2024, 5:30-7:30 p.m. EDT at Muriale's Restaurant, Fairmont, WV (Attendees are welcome to purchase from the menu)

July 29, 2024, 1:30-3:00 p.m. EDT via Zoom: <https://eab.zoom.us/j/95257221974?from=addon>

Anytime, using the forms found at www.fairmontstate.edu/strategicplan

Questions about these events
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FALCON MOMENTS

Exciting Alumni Highlights from the 2023-2024 Academic Year



2024 Wheeling Mountain East Conference Basketball Tourney



Unveiling of Basketball Leader Boards in the Feaster Center



Alumni Association & the President's Office collaborated on a free hot dog lunch for students



Dr. Davis & former basketball player Haywood Highsmith at Wheeling alumni event



Amie Fazalare in Abington VA along with Alumna Maddy Beekler



Alumnus Ed Lemon, Fairmont State basketball standout, presented Dr. Davis with a check for Fairmont State at the annual Basketball Alumni Day



2024 Encova Career Development Center Career Fair



Josh & Lauren Pearson along with Mitch & Stephanie Moore at 2024 Day of Giving at Stone Tower alumni event



Alumni swim meet during 2023 Homcoming



A little rain didn't stop the 2023 Homecoming parade



Gamma Chi Chi Christmas Luncheon



Alumni board members and Interim VP Alicia Kalka at 2024 Day of Giving